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Foreign Office informed us today that Cabinet was unable to  
give its consent to holding of public hearings in Germany by  
Kersten committee. Cabinet felt that holding of such hearings  
would expose Federal Republic to charges, which would be dif-  
ficult to refute that West German Government was an American  
puppet. Hearings could also interfere with efforts being made  
to bring about removal of barriers between East and West Germany.  
Suggestion was made that Kersten committee might invite witnesses  
to US for purpose indicated.

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